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The LORD promised to give a New Covenant to the house of Israel. *“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”* This “new covenant” is actually older than the “old covenant”. For the “old covenant” was only given to demonstrate the weakness of the flesh and to serve as a contrast to the unfolding of GOD’s purpose which was from the beginning to redeem that people which HE chose in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world, and willingly subjected unto vanity. Thus, the institution of the “law” as delivered to Moses, was never intended to serve any other purpose than to demonstrate the sinfulness of men, and to bring those whom HE would awaken, to tremble at HIS feet as this law performed the work it was designed to do. As Paul described it, *“For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.”*

Apart from a clear understanding of CHRIST as the FULFILLER, SATISFIER, and PERFORMER of the law, it is impossible that a man can have a right understanding as to what the law is and why it was given. HE set this forth quite plainly in HIS words to Nicodemus, *“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”* The work of CHRIST in “salvation” is not merely to deliver the sons of GOD from the condemnation of the law, externally, but internally as well. This is spoken of by CHRIST, when HE said, *“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”* HE said these words to those Jews who thought themselves to be free because they were of Abraham’s lineage, and adherents to the Law of GOD.

There is probably not another one of the “ten commandments”, which were given to Moses, that has caused more strife and division among the sons of GOD than *“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.”* Most of this strife has occurred over determining which day is the correct one, or how restricted one must be in order to really “keep it”. All of these questions arise because men cannot see why the SABBATH was given or what it is. CHRIST is the SABBATH for the sons of GOD. HE is their REST and in HIM all of their labors cease. We know that it is not given to place restrictions upon those who are free in CHRIST, because the LORD plainly said, *“The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore, the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.”* CHRIST is the SUPREME RULER of the sabbath.

The LORD placed such an emphasis on the keeping of the SABBATH, that HE instructed Moses that not even a man’s livelihood is to prevent an observance of it. Seedtime or harvest. *“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”* Did the LORD have regard unto times and seasons, or was not HIS reason for this “day”, to bring glory to HIM who would bring in everlasting joy to those countless saints who gather around HIS throne saying, *“Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”*

Is HE not the “resting place” for the saints of GOD in all ages? Can a man ignore this SABBATH and live? Can a regard to days recorded on carnal calendars suffice to fulfill this commandment? *“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body (i.e.; the substance) is of Christ.”* *“But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.”* *“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”* Do you rest on a day of the week or is your rest found in CHRIST?

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